

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday - January 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock all present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Residents. County Commissioner Brennan was absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as "stand as read."

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of December 2013 was submitted. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 158,424.50
Sewer Fund:	\$ 91,256.56
Water Fund:	\$ 286,373.77
Road Fund:	\$ 95,693.97
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan was absent. Supervisor Helgemo noted that Brennan had recently been elected Chair of the County Board of Commissioners.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Planning Commission / Master Plan – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the PC got a start on a plan. He noted that at the recent IR City meeting they hired WUPPDR to do a master plan. The PC called to get an estimate on a cost for Bates and the approximate cost would be \$9000. There is a requirement to do a master plan but there is not time limit.

PLANNING COMM. MTG

Miss Dig– Miss Dig has come up with a new system and all procedures must now be done online. There is an April 1 deadline to be set up. When the township converts to BS&A there will be a spare computer that can be put in the shop for Benson.

MISS DIG PROCEDURE

Menominee-Dickinson-Iron Co Farm Service Agency – A motion was made by Nelson to support the only candidate Kenneth Piwarski. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MEN-DIX-IRON FSA

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his December report which included 0 permits and 0 violations. He visited a Kofmehl road home but the project has been put off until spring. 2013 totals were 22 zoning permits issued and 12 property violations. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Supervisor Helgemo reviewed the plan and stated that if you don't have a plan in place you won't be eligible for funds in the event of a disaster. Attorney Atanasoff stated that it really doesn't address pipeline or mining conditions; basically it's a general plan. A motion was made by Bobnock to adopt the Iron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, no. Motion carried.

IRON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Hall Office Copier – At a recent meeting the Board approved the purchase of a new photocopier. The copier estimate cost ranged from \$600 and up. Recently a local business offered a copier for sale in excellent condition along with 3 toner cartridges for \$300. A motion was made by Nelson to purchase the used copier for \$300. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

HALL OFFICE  
COPIER

Wellhead Protection – Supervisor Helgemo stated that eventually the township will be forced to do this. The Township has always taken proactive steps to protect our wellheads. There used to be grant money (50%). This is just information that the Board needs to be aware of.

WELLHEAD  
PROTECTION

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he still working with a resident regarding the junk car ordinance violation and the resident stated they would take care of the cars. Getting promises for when the weather permits. He also has been working with Assr Nelson regarding a property uncapping in original grantors name.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Twp Water Ordinance / Let Runs – Treasurer Nelson stated that last year she was not aware of the “let run” policy and since has found a letter from 6/30/2007 regarding winter “let runs.” It stated that the bill would be averaged and billed accordingly. Nelson has been getting complaints from residents that said that they never had to pay before. The previous Treasurer stated that the policy was if the Twp requested a “let run” then there was not a charge, however, if the resident did the “let run” on their own then the resident was charged. If the meters weren't running properly there was an average of the last couple of normal months with the month in question. Supervisor Helgemo stated that if the township was looking at things financially they would cut off about 30 more residents on bad lines however we're trying to serve the people.

LET RUNS /  
WATER  
ORDINANCE

Hazard Mitigation Plan – The Board reviewed the information on the Iron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board tabled any action on adopting a resolution until the next meeting.

IC HAZARD  
MITIGATION  
PLAN

BOR Con-Ed – A motion was made by Moncivais to approve the BOR attendance. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BOR CONED

Board Budget Workshop Date – Tabled until next meeting.

BUDGET  
WORKSHOP

Board Salary Resolutions – Tabled until next meeting.

BSR

Reporter Ad – A motion was made by Bobnock to do an ad in support of the Emergency Personnel. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTER  
AD

Personal Property Tax Exemption – Assr Nelson stated that as of Dec. 31, 2013 a new law eliminates the personal property tax for businesses with less than \$80000 of true cash value (they will pay no tax). The Affidavits need to be filed before 2/10/14. She added that the voters in November will have to approve something to replace the lost revenue. If something doesn't replace the lost revenue things will go back to square 1. Also this will be a year to year thing with a filing requirement each year. This affects commercial & industrial things like the pipeline, cell towers, etc.

PERSONAL  
PROPERTY  
TAX EXEMP.

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. /Water – There is a leak on a very old line on Anderson Rd. It will be worked on in a day or so when the backhoe is repaired. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

- WUPPDR – Letter regarding regional prosperity plan.
- WUPPDR – Newsletter
- Perch Lake Homeowners Newsletter

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:58. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as "stand as read."

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of January 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 98,507.91
Sewer Fund:	\$ 95,752.41
Water Fund:	\$ 299,707.80
Road Fund:	\$ 248,977.54
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan was stated that the County will be able to keep the 4-H program going. He stated that there is great enthusiasm in the county for the program and we have great leaders in the county also. He stated that by law everything with 4-H belongs to the MSU which is unfortunate because many items were provided by other people/organizations. / Regarding the Sr Centers he stated that there was a meeting with DICSA. Before they hire a new Director the ICBC wanted to negotiate some changes. He stated that DICSA typically would make cuts to programs to save Administration jobs. He stated the ICBC wants no more cuts to services and maybe some things added back in. He stated that the ICBC is trying to reduce spending, cut meetings in half and there is also an ad in the paper for the Park & Rec Committee looking for fresh people to be on the committee.

ICBC REPORT

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Waterline Freezing/Let Runs** – Benson stated that there are 248 lateral crossings. He currently has 180 customers doing a pencil size let run. He didn't want to tell 500+ customers to let run. He stated that the lagoon is still going good but the Board might want to put a notice in the paper. He stated the main concern is where the service lines run under the roadway. Benson wanted Board approval/authorization to tell everyone to let run if necessary. A motion was made by Moncivais to authorize this. Supported by Nelson. All Ayes. Motion carried. Supervisor Helgemo stated that Benson should use WIKB Telephone Time instead of The Reporter.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

**BS & A** – A formal motion was made by Nelson for the township to go forward with the implementation and switch over to BS&A according to the county schedule which will impact townships in April. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. All eyes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Clerk Moncivais will get an updated bid on the necessary computers to support the new software.

BS&A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Zoning Update** – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his January report which included 0 permits and 0 violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and stated that the Ice Lake Condo deed is completed and he attended the January PC meeting. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Board Budget Workshop – The Board Budget Workshop date has been set for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. BD BUDGET WORKSHOP

Board Budget Hearing – The Board Budget Hearing meeting has been set for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. BUDGET HEARING

Board Salary Resolutions – Tabled until the March meeting. SALARY RESOL.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he still working on a property transfer on a large parcel of property on Lake 16 involving a Trust. He stated that the parcel still had a PRE and should have been uncapped when the 2<sup>nd</sup> spouse died. / He also spoke with a Resident that had concerns about the yard condition of a property on Sunset Shores. He explained the formal complaint process which needs to involve a “written complaint.” ATTORNEY REPORT

Iron County Allocation Committee - A motion was made by Nelson to appoint Stambaugh Supervisor Gene Pellizzaro as the Township’s Representative to the Iron County Allocation Committee. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Unanimous. Motion carried. IC ALLOCATION APPOINTEE

February 25 Election – Clerk Moncivais reminded everyone of the upcoming election. A one question ballot involving a millage renewal for the library. Polls will be open from 7:00AM – 8:00PM. ELECTION

Water Ordinance – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board needs to give some consideration at a future meeting about the ordinance. He stated that there are snow birds that are being charged while they are away, but then there are homes that have asked for permanent shut offs. Attorney Atanasoff stated that the law allows a rate to be charged. Assr Nelson stated that Rural Development requires that a house be torn down to avoid a sewer charge. Topic tabled until a future meeting. LET RUNS / WATER ORDINANCE

Township Property – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the State recently deeded some property to the Township near Mud Lake, however there are several people with an interest in the property. No action necessary. TWP PROPERTY

Revenue Sharing – Assr Nelson stated that the Township will be losing approximately a \$10,000 share of \$85000 in taxes. Our new share will be about \$3500 as a result of the recent reduction in taxes to the Great Lakes Gas Co. In addition, the oil pipeline may do the same thing to get their valuation reduced. REVENUE SHARING

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson will talk to WIKB about “let run” announcement. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Benson stated that he would like to contact Nicolet Sign about sign ideas. / Park – Benson stated that the pontoon has a leak/ raft float needs repair. Golas – Sunset Lake Assn stated that the Board might consider not even putting the dock out.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- IC Fire Dept. Jim Stolberg – Stolberg stated that everything is running fairly smooth. He stated that for now they are hoping to get the same amount of money participation from each township. He stated that he has been on the Board since the beginning as a Representative of Bates. He stated that Ernie Schmidt is also a Bates Twp Representative. He said that it doesn't matter to him or Ernie that they don't get paid but that the Board might want to consider paying future representatives some kind of stipend for attending the meetings. The Board will give this some consideration.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- WIDL – March 24<sup>th</sup> Community Conversation.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:48. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as "stand as read."

MINUTES

Treasurer's report for the month of February 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 125,132.49
Sewer Fund:	\$ 96,731.45
Water Fund:	\$ 290,470.29
Road Fund:	\$ 274,017.38
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan was absent

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Waterline Freezing/ Emergency Management – Supervisor Helgemo gave an overview of the township's current status. There were recently 9 homeowners with frozen lines. 7 were thaw and 2 remain frozen. This involved one resident that was told to do a let run and then he turned it off. This caused the water main to become frozen in that area also. Benson stated that the lagoon still looks good even with the extra water coming in. Schmidt stated that as soon as things begin to thaw there are going to be breaks everywhere. Helgemo stated that it's amazing how there was a recent instance and all of the resident's dug in to help. / Helgemo also stated that the Sheriff's Dept Emergency Mgmt Dept sent Weekly Data Collection Forms to the township to keep track of resources used due to the frozen waterline situation. The township has 52 man hours so far due to frozen lines.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

BS & A – At the regular meeting the Board approved going with the B&A system in conjunction with the county. A motion was made by Nelson to get bidg on the computers to replace the current systems as they are obsolete. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BS&A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his February report which included 0 permits and 0 violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and stated that he took a call regarding maintenance on a tower on tower road. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Board Budget Workshop – A reminder that the Board Budget Workshop date has been set for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. The Budget Hearing is set for March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM.

BD BUDGET WORKSHOP / BUDGET HEARING

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Board Salary Resolutions – Supervisor – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current Supervisor salary at \$16500/yr with no increase. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Clerk – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current Clerk salary at the \$20000/yr with no increase. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Treasurer – A motion was made by Nelson to keep the current Treasurer salary at \$20,000/yr plus \$4327.23 for Summer Tax Collection. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Trustees – A motion was made by Bobnock to keep the current Trustees salary at \$225/mo (2 mtgs). Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Assessor – A motion was made by Nelson to keep the current Assessor's salary at \$19000/yr. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Zoning Administrator - Constable – A motion was made by Nelson to keep the current Zoning Administrator salary at \$450/mo & Constable salary at \$50/mo. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Hall Coordinator – A motion was made by Moncivais to keep the current Hall Coordinator salary f \$350/mo. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Planning Commission – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current PC Chair salary at \$80/mtg and Members salary at \$65/mtg. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Board of Review – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current BOR member salary at \$125/day. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Zoning Board of Appeals – A motion was made by Helgemo to keep the current ZBA Chair salary at \$80/mtg and Members salary at \$65/mtg. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Election Inspectors – A motion was made by Nelson to increase the Chairperson from \$10/hr to \$13/hr AND the Inspectors from \$9/hr to \$12/hr. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Employees – A motion was made by Bobnock to increase PT Nelson from \$12.36/hr to \$12.75/hr; PT Franzmier from \$10/hr to \$12/hr; FT Benson from \$18.54/hr to \$19/hr. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

BD SALARY  
RESOLUTION

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated there was nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Park Host - There was much discussion about the wonderful job that Elmo and Marian Freeland have done as Park Hosts for the past several years. A motion was made by Bobnock to look for a new park host for the upcoming season. The criteria for the search for a new Park Host are tabled until the next meeting. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK HOST

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Park Host Recognition – A motion was made by Helgemo to get a placque and give a monetary gift of \$100 to the Freeland's. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK HOST  
RECOGNITN

Water Ordinance – Supervisor Helgemo discussed the possibility of getting the water tanks inspected this year. Chicagon Mine was done in 2006 and Sunset Lake in 2010. This issue and the ordinance discussion to tabled until a future meeting.

WATER  
ORDINANCE

Truck – Supervisor Helgemo stated the Board needs to give some consideration to replacing the Chevy with a new truck with utility box. This item was tabled until a future meeting.

TRUCK

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – There was a recent manhole sewer backup. City of Gaastra came with equipment to help. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Benson stated that he would like to contact Nicolet Sign about sign ideas. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Duane Passamani welded the holes on the bucket.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- IC Equalization / Joetta Greig – Joetta gave an overview of the new public document access to documents via the new online services being offered. Visit ironmi.org

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Reporter – Veterans Ad – No action taken.
- Miss Dig – Notice of Upcoming meeting.
- IC Soil Conservation Dist. – Tree Plant Sale Brochure
- Odea, Nordeen & Burink PC – Atty At Law – Informational Brochure
- IR City Hall 3/20 Information Mtg Re: Medicare

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:10. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – April 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock all present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Robert Pozniak, ZBA-BOR; County Commissioner Brennan; Residents.

ATTENDEES

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MINUTES

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FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 136,096.20
Sewer Fund:	\$ 93,478.99
Water Fund:	\$ 272,782.10
Road Fund:	\$ 304,082.07
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Commissioner Brennan stated that the critical thing that the County Board is facing is the revenue shortage due to the tax break that the gas company received. This creates a \$68000 shortage. The Veterans exemption will create a \$16000 shortage. These shortages came after the budget was approved. There is currently a hiring freeze at the county level. The Commissioners are concerned about staying the black. They are also working on health insurance. Brennan stated that regarding the frozen waterlines that Lt. Jones –Sheriffs Dept has been working hard on gathering information to get disaster funds for the area municipalities. It’s hard for FEMA funds to come to the area. Brennan stated that he and his wife are proud to call Bates their home.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Waterline Freezing/ Emergency Management – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township gives a report to the Sheriff’s Dept every week. He stated that Bates expenses have mostly been man hours. There are still 2 homes without water due to waterlines being frozen.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

BS & A – An ad was put in the Reporter for hardware bids. The township will be moving forward with BS&A. The transition will be coordinated by the County.

BS&A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his March report which included 0 permits and 0 new violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and stated that he took some calls with general questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Summer Park Host – An ad will be put in the Reporter looking for people interested in being the Park Campground Host from May 15<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day.

PARK HOST

Water Ordinance – Tabled for discussion until next month.

WTR ORDINANCE

Truck – Supervisor Helgemo stated that some costs for a new truck are between \$31,500 with extended cab and with a utility box it would be \$35000. A Boss V plow would be about \$5000. This is just some information for the board to consider as it will soon be necessary to replace the white Chevy.

TRUCK

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo reviewed the bids received from the ICRC for Reiman Rd, Willis Rd and Wildwood Rd. NEA \$200000-Reiman Rd, \$36500 Willis Rd, \$14500-Wildwood Rd. Baaco \$221000-Reiman Rd, \$52000-Willis Rd, \$22000-Wildwood Rd. A motion was made by Bobnock to go forward with the road projects. Northeast Asphalt was the low bid. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Wayne Koski questioned whether Parks Farm Rd would be graveled. Helgemo also stated that we will be protecting Sec 16 Rd and Reiman Rd from heavy trucks. He also stated that we're waiting for the permits to do the waterlines on Passamani Rd & Willis Rd.

BD SALARY  
RESOLUTION

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he had been working with Assr Nelson on some FOIA requests.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Propane – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he would like to see the township seek propane bids.

PROPANE  
BIDS

Shop Tools – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the shop is in need of some good tools. (Impact wrench, portable battery charger, bench grinder). A motion was made by Helgemo to purchase the tools not to exceed \$500. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SHOP TOOLS

Memorial Day – Helgemo is looking for a Bates Township Veteran to speak at the ceremony. A motion was made by Moncivais to approve a \$300 budget for the refreshments. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

MEMORIAL  
DAY

Fair Book Ad – A motion was made by Nelson to do a Fair Book ad in the amount of \$59.70 no color 5x2. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

FAIR BOOK

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – The basement flooded and it was necessary to purchase a new sump pump. /Water – We're holding our own regarding frozen waterlines. / Sewer –The lagoons have been very manageable even though they are experiencing triple than normal influx due to the let runs. Our lagoon is very efficient. Benson is also working on a required DEQ management plan. Some signage is required also. A motion was made by Moncivais to approve \$500 for signage and to have White Water Associates do the required testing. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Bobnock to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:08. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – May 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock all present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Residents. County Commissioner Brennan was absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of April 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Wodzinski to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 123,890.98
Sewer Fund:	\$ 98,544.40
Water Fund:	\$ 287,331.65
Road Fund:	\$ 304,132.06
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Nothing new to report.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Waterline Freezing/ Emergency Management – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the “let runs” were stopped a couple of weeks ago. There are still 2 frozen lines in the township.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

BS & A – The computers are in. The Treasurer’s orientation will be May 22. Treasurer Nelson is waiting for a bid from BSA for the water billing system. Currently Harris Computer Systems charges \$2000 a year for support.

BS&A

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Anderson Rd is very bad with pot holes. There are 6-7 families on the road. The ICRC looked at it. A bid was received from Northeast Asphalt of \$55000 to do the road. They would raise the road up about 4” and mat it. There would be about \$10000 left to get gravel from CF Twp for Parks Farm Rd. As long as we can afford it, we should do Anderson Rd because we are getting a better price because of the other roads that the township is doing. A motion was made by Bobnock to do to the Anderson Rd project this year. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD PROJECTS

In other road business Helgemo was going to follow up with the ICRC because the trucks are still using Bates Amasa Rd even though the weight restrictions are on. Assr Nelson questioned as to whether their will gravel/ditching on Chicagon Mine Rd which had a very bad wash out.

Wellhead Protection Grants – Jeff BAL from GEI Consultants made a presentation on what the grant requirements are. The grant is for protecting a zone around our wells. There would 10 steps required of which getting public participation, education, forming a committee of specific individuals and making a change to the ordinance were just a few items necessary. The cost would be about \$17800 of which 50% would be a grant. The application is due by June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board tabled any action until the next meeting.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION GRANTS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his April report which included 0 permits and 0 new violations. He did his monthly bar inspection and stated that he took some calls with general questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING  
UPDATE

Summer Park Host – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there were about 10 inquiries. 5 declined the position after they learned what was involved. 5 were interviewed and it was narrowed down to 2. A motion was made by Supervisor Helgemo to hire Al Bittner Sr. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PARK HOST

Water Ordinance – Tabled for discussion until next month.

Memorial Day – Clerk Moncivais reminded everyone that the ceremony will begin at 8:00AM at the Cemetery immediately followed by refreshments at the Bates Twp Hall. Mike Golas will be the speaker.

WTR  
ORDINANCE

MEMORIAL  
DAY  
CEREMONY

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he received an inquiry from a resident on the east end of Sunset Lake that had received a variance 20 years ago and wanted to know if it was still good. Atanasoff stated that he would have to go to the Zoning Board of Appeals again because the variance would be expired after that length of time. / Atanasoff also had some correspondence regarding uncapping rules / joint deeds.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Township Audit – A motion was made by Nelson to have DS Rostagno CPA do the annual audit at a cost of \$6300 + expenses along with the cost of a Single Audit if required. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP  
AUDIT

Road Millage Renewal – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the ballot language was approved. There will be a request for a renewal of the road millage at the August election. It was noted that this is a renewal and not an increase or new millage.

ROAD  
MILLAGE  
RENEWAL

Plat Book Ad – There was much discussion about renewing the ad in the plat book was worth it. The Board decided to not renew the ad.

PLAT BOOK  
AD

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

**Hall** – Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Nothing new to report. / **Sewer** – The lagoon signs are up. The manholes have been painted. It looks very professional. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** – The new sign is up. The employees pressure washed the monuments and headstones. They filled in the low spots with soil and seeded where needed. / **Park** – The gate was repaired. Some fallen trees were removed. The Boat launch is in. The fishing pier needs a brace then it will be put in. There is still a little more to do. / **Backhoe** – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- WIC Project Graduation – A motion was made by Nelson to support the program with \$50. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.
- UPSET – There was much discussion about the work that they do. Our local law enforcement is not equipped to fight the drug problem on a larger scale. A motion was made by Helgemo to support the program with \$400. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.
- Westside Veterans – A motion was made by Bobnock to support this program with \$50. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:34. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – June 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustee Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Residents. Trustee Wodzinski & County Commissioner Brennan were absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of May 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 109,869.00
Sewer Fund:	\$ 99,563.88
Water Fund:	\$ 300,846.60
Road Fund:	\$ 179,822.94
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – County Commissioner Brennan was absent.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Waterline Freezing/ Emergency Management – Supervisor Helgemo the Township was fortunate. He stated that Benson was very proactive and that helped reduce the broken lines. The 2 frozen lines in the township finally broke thru. The repairs were made and they are now fixed.

WATERLINE / FREEZING LET RUNS

BS & A – Nelson stated that the BSA Water billing system is a very expensive program. The Board already approved the conversion, Moncivais will talk to the County the make sure that the price for the Assessor’s program is correct.

BS&A

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Reiman Rd is chopped/graveled up from US 2 to Sunset Lake Rd. The manholes will be leveled up to the blacktop. There will be culverts put in on Willis Rd and the blacktop will be done in August. The water project will begin 6/12/14. Anderson Rd is under progress.

ROAD PROJECTS

Wellhead Protection Grants – Supervisor Helgemo stated that after board discussion and discussion with Jef Bal from GEI Consultants the township is going to wait on this another year. This will be reevaluated next year.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION GRANTS

DEQ Sewer Discharge Permit – Supervisor Helgemo gave an overview. This is a permit for the lagoon that we have to apply for every 5 years. Regulations are crazy. They continue to require extra testing which results in costing more money. The township has never had a bad sample in 35 years. The township is currently jumping through hoops to get the permit renewed and it’s been a hassle.

DEQ SEWER DISCHARGE PERMIT

Dust Control – The dust control was never done last year because of the rain. So far this year there has only been one complaint. This year the township is trying to get the gravel projects done on Forsberg & Little Finland Rds prior to doing dust control. We’re just waiting a little longer.

DUST CONTROL

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his May report which included 2 permits and 2 new property violations. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he took some calls with general questions. He stated that the garage project at the Ice Lake Condos will no longer be built. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING  
UPDATE

Water Ordinance Workshop – Tabled for discussion until maybe August.

WTR  
ORDINANCE

Memorial Day – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he heard many compliments on the event. Special thanks to Gail Passamani, Mary Baumgartner and Donna Hohensee for handling the refreshments. Mike Golas did a wonderful job as the speaker.

MEMORIAL  
DAY  
CEREMONY

Water Projects – The DEQ handles the permits for the water projects. Again there is a hassle to go through the process. An engineering firm was required. GEI did the paperwork for Willis Rd & Passamani Rd for \$740.

WATER  
PROJECT  
PERMITS

EDC – In the past the township donated \$2/capita. The County has donated \$17000 to the EDC. Commissioner Brennan will let us know at the next meeting what is in the budget. How many hours and what the salary will be for Melchiori.

EDC

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he has been working on the junk car problem. All people have been called and he got promises from all of them. Trustee Bobnock stated that until we do something to enforce the ordinance they're not going to clean up. Atanasoff said that first will be a letter from Stowell, then next from the attorney. This is a civil infraction. There was an incident at the boat landing where the employees of the DNR refused to use the boat wash. A citation was issued. There was a phone conference with the DNR in the Crystal Falls office and it was made clear that the township will enforce this ordinance and how important it is for appearance sake that they too follow the rules.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Bob Black Chamber Resignation – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he felt it was a big mistake for the Chamber to accept the resignation. It was the township's understanding that they wanted him to punch a time clock. He was a good promoter of the area and events. A motion was made by Nelson to write a letter stating the Board was displeased with the decision. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried. (A copy of the letter will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais.)

BOB BLACK  
CHAMBER  
RESIGNATIO  
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Summer Worker – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Nelson is on an informal leave of absence. There is much to do throughout the township and the extra helper is needed. A motion was made by Nelson to hire Anthony Tarsi who is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year college student at a rate of \$10/hour. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

SUMMER  
WORKER

Road Restriction- There was board discussion about the cost of blacktopping the township roads and the damage that is done by the heavy trucks. A motion was made by Bobnock to pass a road restriction ordinance for Reiman Rd, Section 16 Rd, Wildwood Drive and Sunset Shores Rd. Exceptions and permits are available from Supervisor Helgemo. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ROAD  
RESTRICT.  
ORDINANCE

NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

Mozy Offsite Backup – Moncivais stated that with the new computer setups the township will be set up with offsite data backup.

Resident Blight – Several complaints were made against a residence where the garbage was left and the animals were getting into the bags and spreading the garbage. The township will pick up the garbage and put the cost onto the utility bill.

HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...

Hall – Nothing new to report. /Water – Nothing new to report. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

GUEST COMMENTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

- UPSET – A thank you letter was received for support.

INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:18. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – July 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; County Commissioner Brennan; Residents.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of June 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 97,965.89
Sewer Fund:	\$ 101,809.36
Water Fund:	\$ 314,084.40
Road Fund:	\$ 151,773.48
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – County Commissioner Brennan was present and discussed one of the big issues facing the county is the Employee Health Insurance. Over the years all benefits were paid for by the county. A few years ago the government stated that the employee’s must pay 20% of their insurance. The Board hated to put this on the families all at once so they have implemented a cheaper program and a progressive increase. They felt this would be fair to the taxpayers and to the employees. / Also, Julie Melchiori has been rehired to the EDC position. She has a lot of knowledge, energy and enthusiasm. Brennan is confident that this was a good board decision.

**EDC / Julie Melchiori** – Julie stated that she was in the EDC from 2005-2011. She is a native of the area. She originally started as contractor 10-12 hours/week. In 2011 she was split between MSU Ext & EDC. She stated that the call center will commit another 25 jobs if the county will add on to the building. She stated that there are jobs in this county but not the workforce. There is a lack of skills, and work ethic. Her current contract is for 20 hours/week. She wants to meet with businesses. It’s easier to keep a business going than to start a new business. Municipalities are asked to fund about 1/3 of the EDC budget. Supervisor Helgemo thanked Melchiori for the overview.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Road Projects** – Supervisor Helgemo stated that 3 roads are done. Willis Rd has been graveled but still needs culverts.

ROAD PROJECTS

**DEQ Sewer Discharge Permit** – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the permitting process is still pending. Benson is working with Lansing. He noted that our system works beautifully.

DEQ SEWER DISCHARGE PERMIT

**Dust Control** – Supervisor Helgemo stated that we are holding off because of the graveling projects. The company that we have used in the past may not come to the UP this year. There is another company in the UP but we would have to look into the rates. When we dust control Helgemo assured Property Owner Koski that the township would dust control Parks Farm Road.

DUST CONTROL

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his June report which included 6 permits and 5 property violations. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he took some calls with general questions. He followed up on previous violations. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING  
UPDATE

Road Restriction Ordinance – The ordinance will go into effect this month. Signage is being obtained.

ROAD  
RESTRICT  
ORDINANCE

Water Ordinance Workshop – Tabled for discussion until a later date.

WATER  
ORDINANCE  
WATER  
PROJECT

Water Project – The warranty expired 7/1. The project is complete.

EDC – In the past the township donated \$2/capita. The County has donated \$17000 to the EDC. Commissioner Brennan will let us know at the next meeting what is in the budget. How many hours and what the salary will be for Melchiori.

EDC

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he has been working on the Notice of Violation and the Citation Form.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Election / Road Millage – Clerk Moncivais stated that the polls will be open Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 7am – 8pm. She stated that the road millage is a renewal and that the township has been able to accomplish a lot of good with the road millage. There was also a reminder that this is a renewal and not an increase.

ELECTION /  
ROAD  
MILLAGE

DNR Park Project – Supervisor Helgemo reminded the Board that the DNR requires that the township hold an open house at the park and that there is a sign requirement. Action tabled until the next meeting.

DNR PARK  
PROJECT

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson is working on isolation valves. Nothing new to report. / Sewer – One line jetted/camera and tree root problems. Also Benson would like to try a new product. It could cost about \$1000 but it could save a lot on maintenance and cleaning. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Nothing new to report. / Park – Heavy rain washed out a part of the boat launch. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Rich Frighetto represented a group of property owners on Chicagon Lake who were requesting blacktop on Andreski Plat over a 1.2 mile stretch in Bates Twp. The Board noted that this has come up for discussion before the Board during the planning of the 3 year road plan but there are two other townships (Stambaugh & Crystal Falls) that have residents that use that road. The Board stated that they would be interested in participating in a project if the other townships would help also. Resident Rossi questioned if there was any history of township's cooperating like this? He also wanted to know if the township could implement some type of restriction on logging so close to the road that there is no tree buffer thereby allowing more dust. Helgemo stated that the Board had no authority to restrict logging. This would have to be brought before the road commission. Helgemo reminded Attendees that the township does not own any roads. The County is responsible for maintaining them. Bates is fortunate that its Residents have voted for the millage in the past allowing blacktopping and dust control projects to be completed.

ANDRESKI  
PLAT

GUEST COMMENTS (cont'd)

Jim Stolberg stated that he has an issue with blacktopping. He thinks that Willis Rd is a waste of money with only 1 full time resident. He also said that he didn't think the south end of Sec 14 Rd should be done. He stated that blacktopping dead end roads shouldn't be done. / Property Owner Koski stated that it's cheaper to do dust control than to blacktop. The summary of the discussion was that the Chicagon Lake Property owners should contact the other municipalities to see if they would participate. Assessor Nelson said that a special assessment district could always be done but there are a lot of legalities and it's complicated. The property owners can talk to the road commission about logging restrictions and right of way.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:48. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – August 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Residents; County Commissioner was absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of July 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 61,502.94
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,536.00
Water Fund:	\$ 311,226.35
Road Fund:	\$ 155,451.76
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – County Commissioner Brennan not present.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he learned that Crystal Falls & Stambaugh Twp may participate in a project on Andreski Plat Rd. / The Twp has to have our 3-year road plan in by October. / The Road Commission is investigating single chip seal coat. Pentoga Trail is being tested. Helgemo will keep the Board informed as to the findings as to if this is good for roads.

ROAD PROJECTS

DEQ Sewer Discharge Permit – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township posted as the DEQ required. We will need to have testing done. A motion was made by Nelson to have White Water Assoc. to the testing for an estimated \$1890/year for lab work & \$45/hour for fieldwork. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DEQ SEWER DISCHARGE PERMIT

Dust Control – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there have been a few complaints on Forsberg Rd. Several roads need gravel. Maybe the county will participate in the project. This tabled until Sept. meeting.

DUST CONTROL

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his July report which included 5 permits and 5 property violations. He has heard back from 4. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he took some calls with general questions. He followed up on one previous violation and there will be a meeting in September to discuss progress with the Resident. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Zoning – Harju – A resident was wondering what the process is. She is doing an addition to her home and it’s near the sewer line. Helgemo stated that she would have to go before the Board of Appeals to get a variance. The biggest concern is that the township needs to be able to access the sewer main. ZA Stowell would not issue a permit at present.

ZONING UPDATE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Water Ordinance Workshop – Supervisor Helgemo stated that this is going to take more than one meeting. Some ordinances should be rescinded, some modified, etc. There will need to be re-indexing. The Board will have a workshop on August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm.

WATER  
ORDINANCE  
WATER  
PROJECT

Water Project – The water project on Willis Rd went very smoothly. The Employees are still repairing some old lines thru-out the township.

WATER  
PROJECT

EDC – In the past the township donated \$2/capita. A motion was made by Moncivais to support the EDC with \$2/capita. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Helgemo stated that it was good that Julie Melchiori was back working for the EDC.

EDC

DNR Park Project – Supervisor Helgemo reminded the Board that the DNR requires that the township hold an open house at the park. A motion was made by Nelson to hold the event on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00PM with a budget of \$300. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

DNR PARK  
PROJECT

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he received a letter from one property owner that is disputing his violation of ordinance. Atanasoff is working on this.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Election / Road Millage – Clerk Moncivais stated that on behalf of the township the Board wanted to thank the voters for passing the road millage renewal. She thanked the Election Inspectors for doing a good job.

ELECTION /  
ROAD  
MILLAGE

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson is working on curb stops and leaking isolation valves. / Sewer – The lift station treatment product came in. The company will be coming to help train Benson for the program. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Assr Nelson stated that she heard some very nice comments on the cemetery and how nice it looks. Helgemo stated that he also has heard good comments. / Park – Nothing new to report. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Property – A motion was made by Helgemo to purchase a 3500 watt portable generator for approximately \$400. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Mike Golas stated that the Great Lakes Indian Fishing Comm was surveying Sunset Lake looking for invasive species.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Iron County Park & Rec Comm- Invitation to come to the next meeting to collaboration.
- US Forest Service – Camp Nesbit Open House Invitation on Sat., August 23, 2014 from 10-2.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – September 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Assr Nelson; Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Pozniak-ZBA & BOR; County Commissioner Brennan; Residents.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of August 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 57,695.28
Sewer Fund:	\$ 110,817.07
Water Fund:	\$ 263,055.52
Road Fund:	\$ 160,075.55
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – County Commissioner Brennan stated that the county voted to pay off the county bond of \$180,000. There is already about \$130000 in the checking account which means they will need about a \$50000 transfer. The result will be that the tax bills will go down a little. / The next issue is that he asked for support for the 911 bond on the ballot. He stated that the 911 needs all new equipment totaling about \$400000. If the equipment is not updated then Iron County will have to hook up to the State. Brennan is hopeful that the voters will approve so that local people will be working 911 who know the area. He said that there could be a potential job loss of 12 jobs. He said that downstate people will not have the local knowledge of the area. ZA Stowell disagreed. He stated that the current local 911 staff doesn’t know the area that well. They should know it better.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Road Projects** – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the 3 year road plan has to be submitted to the ICRC by October. His proposal is as follows: 2015 – Gravel on Nelson Rd, Chicagon Mine Road, Helgemo Rd. W Lake Emily Rd, Wicklund Rd. / 2016 – Double Seal Coat on W. Lake Emily Rd, And) learned that Crystal Falls & Stambaugh Twp may participate / 2017 – Trybom Drive and Demboski (partial). / Mike Golas questioned the Sunset Lake Rd project. Helgemo explained that the ICRC will be doing it in 2 Phases. / Property owner Koski questioned what was going to be done yet on Parks Farm Rd. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the graveling was still supposed to be done this October.

ROAD PROJECTS

**Rogers Location – 1<sup>st</sup> Street** – There was a Resident complaint that a Resident in the location continues to drive on 1<sup>st</sup> St with a loaded logging truck and it’s tearing up the road. They wanted to know what the location streets were not restricted under the recent Road Restriction Ordinance. Helgemo suggested that the Board Members take a ride on the location streets. Action tabled until next meeting. / Another Resident stated that she saw loaded log trucks on Section 16 Rd.

ROGERS LOCATION BLACKTOP

**DEQ Sewer Discharge Permit** – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the township received the permit and is all set for the next 5 years.

DEQ SEWER DISCHARGE PERMIT

**Dust Control** – Supervisor Helgemo stated that there will not be any this year. It’s too late to do.

DUST CONTROL

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell his August report which included 2 permits and 5 property violations. He said that something needs to be done with 2 of the violations. 3 of the violations are working on them. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he checked on 2 places on Trybom Rd. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING  
UPDATE

Water Ordinance Workshop – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board is working on re-indexing the ordinances. The next workshop is set for the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm.

WATER  
ORDINANCE

Water Project – The water leak on Bates Amasa Rd was repaired. We are now pumping about 35000 less gallons per day. There is one more leak to repair.

WATER  
PROJECT

DNR Park Project – Supervisor Helgemo reminded everyone that the Open House will be Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00PM. Pozniak questioned the donations. Helgemo stated that Wildlife Unlimited donated \$3000 for the fishing pier. The Board has thanked them at numerous meetings and through the media. They also received a thank you letter from the Sunset Lake Assn.

DNR PARK  
PROJECT

Water Tank Maintenance – Supervisor Helgemo stated that he will get estimates on both tanks. The Chicagon Mine Rd tank was last inspected in 2006. Action tabled until next meeting.

WATER TANK  
MAINT.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he and ZA Stowell are working on junk car ordinance violators. There are only 2 showing resistance. There is a meeting coming up with one of them. Otherwise quiet.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Part-time Employee Wage Increase – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Jim Nelson was an excellent employee but has had to step back from his part-time position. This has moved Franzmeier into the original part-time position. A motion was made by Nelson to increase his wage from \$12 to \$13/hour. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. Helgemo added that Franzmeier is an excellent employee.

PART TIME  
EMPLOYEE  
WAGE  
INCREASE

Part-time On call Employee – Since Nelson will only be doing the meters a motion was made by Nelson to publish an ad seeking another part time on call employee. Some of the duties will be flagman, wash vehicles, clean office, clean lawn mowers, but not limited to. This position may only be one or two days a week. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PART TIME  
ON CALL  
EMPLOYEE  
AD

Winter Season Water Meter Reading – A motion was made by Nelson to skip 2 months of the winter season meter reading at the discretion of Benson & Nelson based upon conditions. Supported by Bobnock. All ayes. Motion carried.

WINTER  
SEASON  
METER READ

Recycle Drive – A motion was made by Nelson to allow the Iron County Soil & Conservation District hold a recycling drive at the Bates Township Hall on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Supported by Moncivais. All ayes. Motion carried.

RECYCLE  
DRIVE

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. /Water – Benson thanked the board for their support. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Decoration removal by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, ad will be published. / Park –The Park is closed for the season. The boat wash will be on until late in the season. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Property – Benson thanked the Board for the generator. It's already been a big help on a few jobs.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Resident Larry Nelson stated that he disapproves of the restrictions of some of the roads. Why would logging trucks be banned but cement trucks be allowed? He feels like the township is going after the logging industry. He has been a logger for 35 years and it is the lively hood of many residents. Supervisor Helgemo stated that he has the authority to allow exceptions. Clerk Moncivais said that when the ordinance was passed it was not her intent to hurt the loggers. She felt that there was an alternative route and there has to be a way to protect the new blacktop on these roads which all residents are paying for through their tax dollars. Treasurer Nelson said that her concern is that someday if there is a new Supervisor on the Board that Supervisor might not be so understanding and might not allow exceptions. Supervisor Helgemo said that the Board can revisit the ordinance and that every comment will be taken under consideration. Resident Schmidt agreed with Nelson and added that he can agree with the Board on Reiman Rd and Sunset Shores Rd but not on Section 16 Rd.
- Schmidt also stated that chip seal coat will be busted up by the trucks. He wondered if the Board had considered recycled blacktop.
- Property owner Koski asked what would happen if Parks Farm Rd doesn't get done in 2014. Helgemo stated that it's up to the ICRC to get out there. Helgemo stated that it would be on the list again for 2015.
- Pat Teranishi reminded everyone that there was a seminar at the Windsor Ctr on 9/13/14 for Veterans to learn about availability of assistance.
- Schmidt questioned the details of Proposal A on the ballot.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- WUPPDR – Invitation to Keweenaw Lodge meeting.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:08pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – October 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Benson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; County Commissioner Brennan; Residents. Assr Nelson was absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of September 10, 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 54,069.58
Sewer Fund:	\$ 107,518.05
Water Fund:	\$ 258,162.43
Road Fund:	\$ 159,523.40
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – County Commissioner Brennan stated just recently paid off one bond. He encouraged Residents to vote for the 911 millage. He stated that he sits on the Medicare Board and he thinks that the Alzheimer’s unit will be good. He talked about UPCAP and how the monies are disbursed and the status of the Senior Centers. He had good things to say about the IR Senior Center and their wonderful meal program.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the 3 year road plan has been submitted to the ICRC. He will see if they will work with us again next year on graveling projects.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – The next workshop is set for the October 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

WATER ORDINANCE

Water Project – The Willis Road, Bates-Amasa Rd and Passamani Rd repair projects are done. This has stopped a large amount of water leaks.

WATER PROJECT

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell his September report which included 4 permits and 3 property violations of which 1 is straightened out. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he took numerous calls/questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Cemetery Decoration Removal – Clerk Moncivais did a reminder that all decorations need to be removed by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

CEMETERY DECO REMOVAL

Employee Retirement – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Benson was offered a retirement package when he went full time. He does not want his package to be through MERS. MERS now has a Representative and she came and gave an overview of the Township program with MERS and subsequently informed us that we can opt out of putting Benson in MERS. The Board is currently exploring other options for a program for Benson. Action tabled until next meeting.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

Iron County Soil & Conservation Sponsored Recycle Day – Clerk Moncivais reminded that Saturday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> is this day. John’s Industries, Habitat for Humanity and Trico will be available to take recyclables.

RECYCLE DAY

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Dust Control – This will not be done this year. It is now too late in the season.

DUST  
CONTROL

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he and Assr Nelson are working on a Tax Tribunal appeal.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. / Water – Benson said that he needs to do a main valve replacement and there needs to be an isolation valve on Sec 16 Rd These isolation valves will help when there is a break to only interrupt a few homes instead of many. Helgemo stated that it has required a lot of maintenance to bring the system up to speed. A motion was made by Bobnock to approve funding for 5 valves at an estimated cost of \$4629. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. / Sewer – The lagoon has been prepared for the winter season. The lawn was cut also. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery – Decoration removal by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, ad was published and the leaves need to be removed. / Park –The Park is closed for the season. The place has been winterized except for the boat wash & pier being brought in. The leaves also need to be removed. / Backhoe – Nothing new to report. / Property – Nothing new to report.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- There were 8 Residents present with concerns about the water smell on Trybom Drive. They stated that this has been a problem for years. Sometimes it's good and sometimes it's bad. Helgemo stated that he was hoping that the chlorinator would clear things up with the Sunset Lake well. The Twp has talked with Kleimann and other experts and no one seems to have any answers. The water tests come back good. The cost of a new well would be too expense. There are other chemicals that could be put in the water to get rid of the smell but the township has been hesitant on putting "chemicals" in the water. There are concerns about the Sunset Lake well freezing in the winter with minimal use. The Residents asked to be put on the Chicagon Mine Rd well until the issue can be resolved. They stated that in the past every time this switch is made their water is good.
- State Trooper Grabowski was in the audience with two additional troopers. She requested that the Residents vote yes for the 911 equipment upgrade. She stated the equipment is 14 years old and the money is supposed to be used for new equipment. She stated that the system is a lifeline for law enforcement, fire and emergency departments. She also explained some of the new features that will be available to these personnel.
- A Resident questioned why the road commission will only plow on Noren Rd to Trybom Plat Drive and stop. They come back a day or so later. The Resident says that he has been told it's because it's a secondary road but he states that really doesn't make much economic sense. Helgemo will bring the complaint to the ICRC.
- Mike Henschel who was on the Veterans Memorial Committee stated that it is important that we add the additional Veterans names to the Memorial before next Memorial Day. Helgemo stated that the delay was trying to find an engraver that would charge a reasonable price.

CORRESPONDENCE

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INVOICE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Bates Township Board was held on Wednesday – November 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Supervisor Helgemo called the meeting to order; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Helgemo; Clerk Moncivais, Treasurer Nelson; Trustees Wodzinski & Bobnock present. Also in attendance were Water/Sewer Benson; Assessor Nelson; ZA-Constable Stowell; Atty Atanasoff; Mike Golas-Sunset Lake Homeowners Assn; Residents. County Commissioner Brennan was absent.

ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of October 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Moncivais to accept the report. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 48,140.70
Sewer Fund:	\$ 111,218.02
Water Fund:	\$ 272,720.41
Road Fund:	\$ 159,790.83
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Cty Comm Brennan was absent.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that graveling and seal coating are on the ICRC upcoming agenda. Nothing new to report at this time.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – The next workshop is set for the December 9th at 5:00pm.

WATER ORDINANCE

Board of Review – The Board of Review will have a workshop on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the hall in the morning.

BOARD OF REVIEW

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his October report which included 3 permits and 1 permit denied. He worked on 1 property violation. He will be attending the meeting December 1 where the Resident is requesting a special use permit. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended the board meeting and stated that he took numerous calls/questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Employee Retirement – Supervisor Helgemo gave the overview again that Benson was offered a retirement package when he went full time. He does not want his package to be through MERS. The Board is reviewing a few other options. Resident Golas stated that a company that he once worked for gave the option to not participate in a retirement program and for some people that was an incentive. Action tabled until next meeting.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Attorney Atanasoff stated that he and Assr Nelson are working on two Tax Tribunal appeal. Assessor Nelson said that they will be held here at the township.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Ironline Sled dog Race – Seth Waters was present to request the township’s support. The race will be held January 30 & 31, 2015. There will also be a fat bike race which will be new this year. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board feels that the event is good for the community. He would like them to provide public financial records for Board review. Action tabled until next meeting.

IRONLINE SLEDDOG RACE

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Children's Christmas Party – Clerk Moncivais stated that the party will be held Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the hall from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Thank you to the Julian Hernandez & Mary Christensen (Volunteers) family for their hard work in making the party a success. A motion was made by Moncivais to approve a budget of \$300. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

CHILDRENS  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY

IC MTA – ICMTA will meet Dec. 2, 2014 at 5:30pm at the Crystal Falls Twp Hall.

ICMTA  
MEETING

UPSET – A letter was received requesting a donation. There was a donation made earlier this year. Clerk Moncivais will write a letter of support stating that we will donate once a year. Action tabled until next year.

UPSET

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Hall – Nothing new to report. /Water – Benson said that he is still running some Trybom Drive residents off of the Chicagon Mine pumphouse. There have been no complaints regarding smell/taste. Helgemo stated that the township could resolve the problem with chemicals but we don't want to do that to the water. At some point the DEQ is going to require that the Sunset Lake well be put back in service. A Minnesota company that Kleimann talked to mentioned going in and scraping the inside of the well. No action taken. / Sewer – Nothing new to report. / Constable – Nothing new to report. / Cemetery & Park – Due to the snow the leaves will have to be removed in the spring.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- West Iron County Football Team – Assessor Nelson noted that they did such a great job this year. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the Board wanted to go on record acknowledging the fine job that they did.
- Mike Golas / Sunset Lake Homeowner's Assn – Golas wanted to make the board aware that there is a grant program for aquatic and onland invasive species. He stated that the letter of application had to be done by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The ICSC is going to do some assembly and then the material over to the Western Peninsula Invasive Species Group. The idea is that a "regional grant request" will have more clout. Supervisor Helgemo stated that the lake associations have done amazing work so far.
- UPLOGON – Clerk Moncivais reminded the board that if they were going to do a rent increase for 2015 then UPLOGON should be notified in December.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Nelson to pay the township invoices. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Helgemo, yes; Moncivais, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

**BATES TOWNSHIP BOARD**

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ATTENDEES

There were no requests for changes to the minutes; Supervisor Helgemo noted them as “stand as read.”

MINUTES

Treasurer’s report for the month of November 2014 was submitted. A motion was made by Bobnock to accept the report. Supported by Moncivais. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Bobnock, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried. A full report will be kept on file for audit.

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:	\$ 32,347.96
Sewer Fund:	\$ 116,532.37
Water Fund:	\$ 270,897.91
Road Fund:	\$ 159,815.35
Liquor Law:	\$

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT** – Cty Comm Brennan stated gave an overview of the Drain Commissioner report on lake levels. Also, the County Board is working on the 2015 budget. Two of the most challenging items are insurance and working out the budget. Revenues will be flat this year, however the County has been in the black the last two years. He thinks the budget will balance again. He also stated that the County had a 36% voter turnout, Michigan had 42% and Bates had 46%. He mentioned that they are looking for people to serve on the various committees and he would like to see Bates people involved.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Road Projects – Supervisor Helgemo stated that the ICRC is trying to get a policy in place regarding gravel and chip seal which are maintenance items. He states that the County just doesn’t have the money and not everyone is going to get what they want. If Twps want this done they will have to pay for it.

ROAD PROJECTS

Water Ordinance Workshop – The Board had another workshop on 12/9 and a lot of progress was made. / Water Ordinance – There are approximately a dozen permanent shut offs. A long time ago they should have been cut off. They will have to be cut-off, however a motion was made by Nelson to grandfather in these current shut offs. The Township will go in and permanently cut them off at the townships expense. If they need to hook up again they will have to go through the hook up process and pay the appropriate fees. From now on permanent shut-offs will have to hire a contractor at their expense to cut the valve per township specifications. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes; Nelson, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

WATER ORDINANCE

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Zoning Update – Zoning Administrator Stowell gave his November report which included 0 permits and 0 new property violations. He did his monthly bar inspection, attended a zoning meeting, attended the board meeting and stated that he took numerous calls/questions. (A copy of the report will be kept on file with Clerk Moncivais).

ZONING UPDATE

Employee Retirement – Supervisor Helgemo stated that Benson will receive a retirement package buy out and will not participate in MERS. He will receive a payment on Dec 11 for retirement wages from 4/1/2012-3/31/14. On 1/2/2015 he will receive the balance of retirement wages from 4/1/14-12/31/14. Beginning 1/1/2015 his hourly wage will increase by \$1.31/hour. (Summary Report on file with Clerk.)

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (cont'd)**

Ironline Sled dog Race – No action taken.

IRONLINE  
SLEDDOG  
RACE

Children's Christmas Party –Reminder, the party is 12/13 from 11:30am – 1:00pm.

CHILDRENS  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY

**NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Report – Nothing new to report.

ATTORNEY  
REPORT

Board of Review – The Board of Review members position expire every two years. Moncivais will call for applicants. Letters of interest by 5PM Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

BOR  
APPLICANTS

Employee Christmas Bonus's – A motion was made by Bobnock to give the three employees a \$75 bonus. Supported by Nelson. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE  
BONUS

Planning Commission Appointment – Sara Basso resigned. A motion was made by Nelson to appoint PC Alternate Mike Franzene to the PC Board. Supported by Bobnock. Roll call vote: Wodzinski, yes; Helgemo, yes; Nelson, yes; Bobnock, yes; Moncivais, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PC APPOINT-  
MENT

Planning Commission Alternate Appointment – A motion was made by Helgemo to appoint Larry Nelson as an Alternate Member to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supported by Wodzinski. Roll call vote: Moncivais, yes; Nelson, yes; Helgemo, yes; Bobnock, yes; Wodzinski, yes. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PC  
ALTERNATE  
APPOINT-  
MENT

**HALL, WATER, SEWER REPORTS...**

Benson thanked the Board on behalf of the Employees for the Christmas Bonus. **Hall** – Nothing new to report. / **Water** – Benson said that he is still running some Trybom Drive residents off of the Chicagon Mine pump house. There have been a couple of let runs. / **Sewer** – Nothing new to report. / **Constable** – Nothing new to report. / **Cemetery** - Nothing new to report. / **Park** – Clerk Moncivais will look into a cell phone. / **Backhoe** – Helgemo stated that the last repair was around \$4000. With Benson's persistence and help from others the repair this time was a couple of hundred dollars and it works better now than ever.

**GUEST COMMENTS**

- Assr Nelson stated that Benson resurrected a piece of original water pipe and has been working on restoring it for historical purposes. It would be nice if the Township had a display case. Also it would be nice if someone had some recollection of the original waterlines being put into the Rogers Location.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- GEI Christmas Lunch on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Board Members invited.

**INVOICE APPROVAL**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Nelson to adjourn. Supported by Bobnock. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. All ayes. Motion carried. Next regular meeting will be held at the Twp Hall on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 6:00 PM.

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Grant Helgemo, Supervisor

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Barbara Moncivais, Clerk

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_